

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

I had hoped to let you know sooner of our recent appointment for Jane Maybury's maternity leave but the recruitment paperwork took a little longer than planned. I am, however, delighted to confirm that Michaela Lockrose and Anne Nixon will cover Jane Maybury's maternity leave from January.

They are both well known to the school and have plenty of experience with this age group. Michaela will provide continuity for the children as she has been working in Torberry for more than a year.

Although Anne has not been at the school for a little while, she is well respected by the staff and governors. She has, in the past, taught Torberry class for a couple of years and is delighted to be returning to us. She will teach the class on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Michaela is also well qualified to teach the children. Like Anne, she has a commitment as a teacher at another local school so will be at Harting on Monday mornings, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We know that they will provide inspirational teaching so the children continue to enjoy their learning.

Best wishes

Fiona

Fiona Mullett

Open classrooms

Following on from the information sent out in the last newsletter about how we plan to report to parents about children's learning, the date for this term has been added to the calendar below.

Train to teach

If you are interested in teaching, there is a Train to Teach event at Easebourne Primary School, on Friday 10th November 2017 from 4-6pm.

Poetry competition

Thanks go to Mari Simpson and Jill Wood for judging the competition and giving up such a lot of time. Mari travelled from Dorset especially!

Congratulations go to Heath Paget (yR winner); George Dromey (y1/2 winner) with Hugo Bruce (y1/2) also receiving a prize; Heidi Conlon (y3/4 winner); and Carrie Anelay (y5/6 winner) with Henry Paget as runner-up. There were other children who were commended for their effort - including Yann Prudente-Poulton and Abigail Tutt who wrote their own poems.

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Wanted - plastic milk bottles (about 200!)

Please can you collect four pint and six pint plastic milk bottles with lids? These need to be thoroughly washed so they can be used by Warren class.

Reminder: Reception class for 2018

Applications opened on Monday, 2nd October and close on Monday, 15th January 2018 for **reception places**. These are made via West Sussex admissions:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions or via Hampshire county admissions, if living in Petersfield or local villages.

Poppies for remembrance

We have a box of poppies at the front of school, ready for 11th November. Do send your child in with a donation to buy their own here, if you can.

Shoebox appeal

Thank you to the children who led part of the 'Sharing assembly' last Friday. We are still collecting items for the shoeboxes to be sent to children in need abroad. Look at the website if you need further information about what can be put in these boxes:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

We are keen to have additional adults to support the filling of the boxes that afternoon on Friday, 24th November. Please can you let the school office know if you are free that afternoon? It's a really heart-warming to see how really generous our children can be as well as witnessing the older pupils nurturing the younger ones.

Survey about school lunches

West Sussex is running a parent survey about school lunches: 'We're All Ears' from Monday 13th November - Sunday 26th November 2017. It is being hosted online and can be accessed via the link below: WESTSUSSEX.MEALSELECTOR.CO.UK/NSMW.

School lunch choices - change in menu

We have been notified by Chartwells that the beef stew dish has gone down badly with the children at many schools. They have responded to this information by changing the menu to sausage and mash, beany pasta or jacket potato which will be offered instead on the stew on 20.11.17. Our children are really fortunate that Davina Clayden, who prepares the meals, is really considerate with the children as they make their choices so that they are fewer issues at this school than many others.

If you have any concerns about the menu changes, please let Chartwells know.

Choir perform at MRC

Yesterday 32 of our children performed, as a choir, at the Midhurst Rotary Club Concert to a packed audience in Midhurst Rother College's (MRC) theatre. They were one



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of several other school choirs to sing to local families. It was lovely to see the children's enthusiasm for the music and hear them sing. Thanks go to Cathy Day who spent her spare time preparing the children for this performance and to the Rotary club for giving us funds for music work in the school.

Open Mic

Message from Jamie West:

Remember, remember the Roundhouse in November
Acoustic musicians that rock
I see no reason
Why singing song on freezing cold evenings
Should ever be forgot
Friday 17th November, 7.30pm start

Key dates for your diary

Note: Inset days; PTFA events; new dates added to calendar

We respectfully ask that you log the dates of the school calendar in your diaries as legislation does not permit us to authorise leave, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Therefore you are asked to take family breaks in school holidays only. The school website has the Absence policy, should you need clarification.

Autumn term 2017		
Week Beginning 6.11.17		
	pm	Rotary Club Concert, MRC
10.11.17	11 am	Remembrance at memorial
Week Beginning 13.11.17		
14.11.17	Pm/eve	Parents evening
16.11.17	Pm/eve	Parents evening
17.11.17	Eve	Open Mic
Week Beginning 20.11.17 -		
24.11.17	pm	Operation Christmas Child
	2.30pm	Sharing assembly - Rother (+Operation Christmas Child)
Week Beginning 27.11.17 Last week for most clubs		
Week Beginning 4.12.17		
7.12.17	3.05- 3.45pm	Open classrooms
Week Beginning 11.12.17 (Creative Christmas)		
15.12.17	3.45pm	'Christmas Journeys'
Week beginning 18.12.17		
19.12.17	7pm	Carol singing around the village with Salvation Army
20.12.17	2.30pm	School Christingle service in Parish Church
20.12.17		Last day of term - please no book bags and any packed lunches in disposable containers. Children to be picked up from the church, please.
Spring Term 2018		
Week Beginning 1.1.18		
4.1.17		Back to school
9.2.17		Last day of half term
12.2.17		Half term holiday
19.2.17		Back to school
29.3.18	11am	Easter service (Congregational church)
		Last day of Spring term
2.4.18		Easter holiday
Summer Term 2018		
Week Beginning 16.4.18		

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16.4.18	Back to school	
25.5.18	Last day of half term	
Half term: 28.5.18-1.6.18		
Harting Festivities 28.5.18		
Week beginning 4.6.18		
4.6.18	INSET DAY	
Week Beginning 11.6.18		
14.6.18	pm	Sports day (tbc)
20.6.18	pm	Reserve Sports day
22.6.18	INSET DAY	
24.7.18	Last day of school year + Leavers' service (Parish church)	
25.7.18	Summer holiday starts	

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